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Tuesday
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I attended the Secretary's staff meeting at 9:30 this morning, my first day in the office.

This afternoon I was sworn in Under Secretary of State by Jack Simmons in the Secretary's office. Alice and E. came down for this brief ceremony, and afterwards there were a lot of photography, radio, and television operations.

I went to call on my Virginia Senators this afternoon, but missed Willis Robertson who was on the Senate floor. I had a long talk with Harry Byrd, who [redacted] is sad over the death of his daughter Nesty. She worked for me [redacted] a couple of years in OSS, but her health was never good, after [redacted] she broke her back twice in fox-hunting accidents.

I have been reading quantities of background material in connection with my departmental responsibilities.

Tonight we went around to the Achesons', [redacted] had drinks with them [redacted] then returned to the house, where confusion [redacted] still reigns, but gradually things are getting in order.

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